

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A fitment comprising:

a base flange [(4)];

~~and~~ a hollow spout [(6)];

a removable part [(10)] within a base of the spout ~~(6)~~, ~~and~~;

an overcap [(8)] for resealably closing the spout [(6)], and;

a barrier foil [(30)] comprising an aluminium foil coated on both sides with a plastics layer ~~extending across the base flange (4)~~;

~~characterised in that~~ wherein the barrier foil [(30)] is a coated aluminium foil that has an exposed aluminium cut edge immediately prior to assembly in the fitment, and that the aluminium cut edge of the barrier foil [(30)] is assembled to the base flange [(4)] of the pre-fabricated fitment in such a manner that the aluminium cut edge is covered by a portion of the base flange to prevent ~~the aluminium cut edge, when the fitment is in use,~~ from coming into contact with contents of a container to which the fitment is assembled with the base flange inside the container.

2. (original): A fitment as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the aluminium cut edge of the foil [(30)] is embedded in the base flange [(4)].

3. (original): A fitment as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the foil [(30)] is sealed to the base flange [(4)].

4. (currently amended): A fitment comprising:

a base flange [(4)] having a first flange surface [(54)], a second flange surface that is opposite to the first surface and a flange edge extending between the first flange surface and the second flange surface;

a hollow spout [(6)] projecting from at the second flange surface ~~(56) opposite the first surface (54)~~;

a removable part [(10)] within a base of the spout [(6)];

~~and~~ an overcap [(8)] for resealably closing the spout, ~~characterised in that~~; and

a barrier foil [[(30)]] comprising a foil with a first foil side, a second foil side opposite to the first foil side, and a foil edge extending between the first foil side and the second foil side, coated on both sides with a first plastics layer extending over said first foil side, and a second plastics layer extending over said second foil side;

wherein said barrier foil is wrapped over the first surface of the flange [[(4)]] such that the barrier foil extends onto the opposite over the first flange surface and the flange edge and extends over at least a portion of the second flange surface [[(56)]] surrounding the spout.

5. (currently amended): A fitment as claimed in any one of the ~~preceding~~ claims 1 and 4, further comprising tamper evident means.

6. (previously presented): A paperboard carton with a fitment [[(2)]] as claimed in any one of claims 1 and 4 inserted into a pre-cut hole [[(20)]] in a composite paperboard wall [[(22)]], characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil [[(30)]] and the wall [[(22)]] are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the carton.

7. (previously presented): A plastic coated or barrier coated metal container with a fitment [[(2)]] as claimed in any one of claims 1 and 4 inserted into a pre-cut hole [[(20)]] in a wall of the container, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil [[(30)]] and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the container.

8. (previously presented): A mono or multi-layer plastics container which is thermoformed, injection moulded, or blow moulded, with a fitment [[(2)]] as claimed in any one of claims 1 and 4 inserted into a pre-cut hole [[(20)]] in a wall of the container, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil [[(30)]] and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the container.

9. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fitment, as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of placing an aluminium foil having a plastics layer on each surface within a receiving wall projecting from a first surface of a base flange of a fitment that has a hollow spout

extending from an opposite surface, and welding the foil to the flange such that the wall is sealed over an aluminium cut edge of the foil.

10. (withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of folding the receiving wall over the edge of the foil prior to the securing step.

11. (withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 9 or 10, wherein the securing step is carried out by induction heat sealing.

12. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fitment comprising the steps of wrapping a foil having a plastics layer on each surface over a first surface of a base flange of a fitment that has a hollow spout extending from an opposite surface such that the foil extends onto the opposite surface surrounding the spout, and welding the foil to the flange.

13. (new) A fitment, as claimed in claim 1, wherein;
the foil has a first foil side, a second foil side opposite to the first foil side, and the aluminium cut edge extends between the first foil side and the second foil side.

14. (new) A fitment, as claimed in claim 13, wherein:
the base flange covers the first foil side and the aluminium cut edge.

15. (new) A fitment, as claimed in claim 13, wherein:
the base flange covers the first foil side, the aluminium cut edge, and at least a portion of the second foil side.